

Automated Demand Response: a Grid Resource for Integration of Renewables

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Traditional Ancillary Services & AutoDR



1. Traditional A/S methods:

- Thermal generation plants use fossil fuels, & high cost.
- Grid-scale storage is environmental friendly, but cost is high (\$1500 - \$4000 / kW)

2. Potential Advantages of AutoDR systems:

- Lower first cost (\$75 - \$300 / kW) for current programs
- Lower operating costs
- Lower carbon footprint
- Leverages multi-purpose systems for energy efficiency

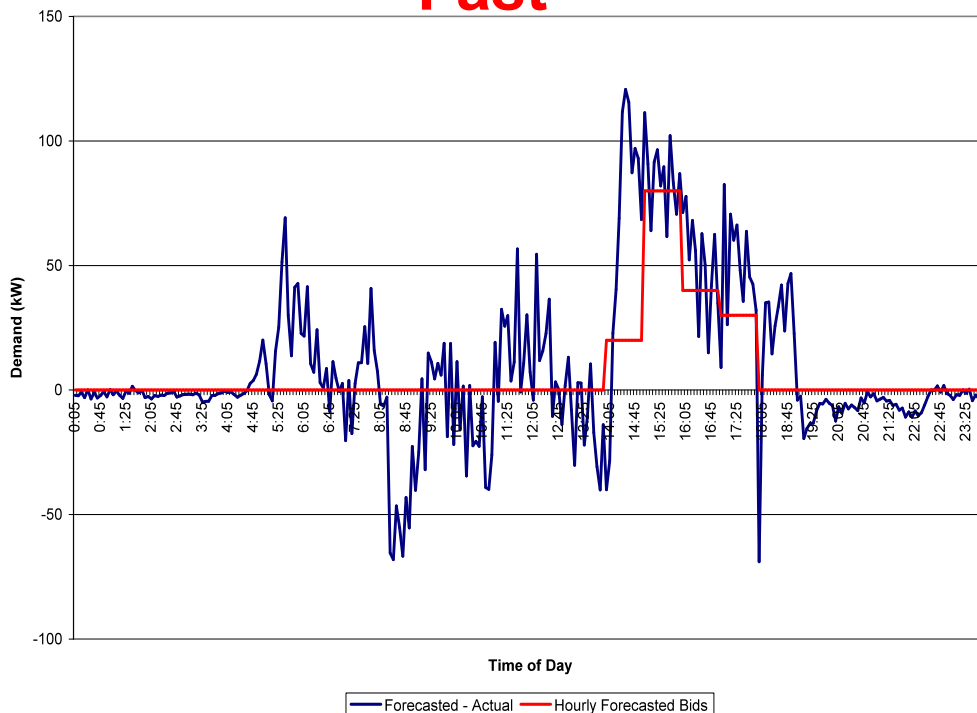
AutoDR: Proven Results



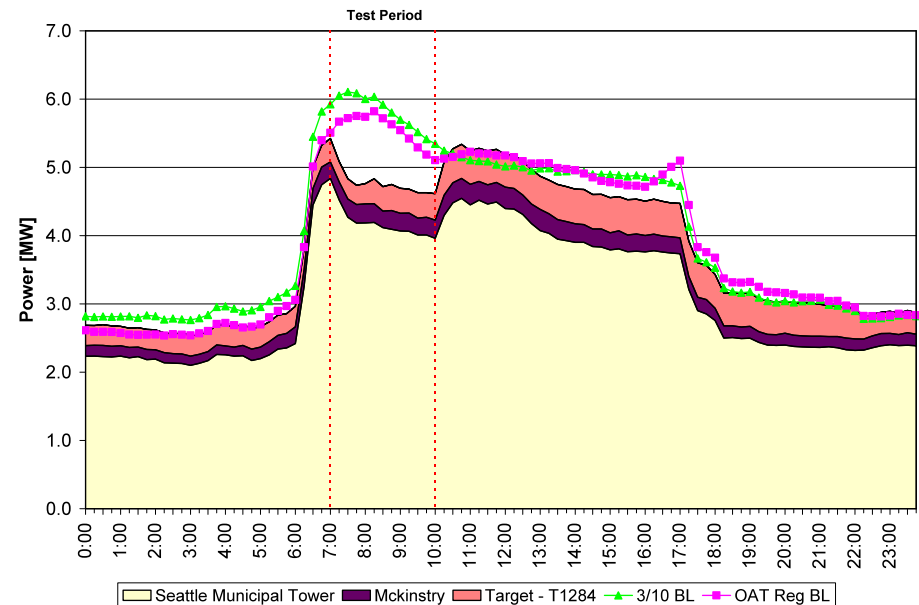
AutoDR Research & Commercialized Deployments have proven:

- Multi-year performance during **Peak Periods** (~100 MW existing capacity)
- Fast response: < 5 min. (Participating Load Pilot)
- Cold winter mornings: 7:00 AM – 10 AM (Pacific Northwest Pilots)

Fast



Early & Cold



Challenges for AutoDR as Ancillary Services






- 1. Economic incentive structure unclear**
- 2. Resource varies based on time, temperature**
 - Few data about off-peak DR
- 3. AS requirements may increase cost of AutoDR**
 - Monitoring, verification, telemetry
 - Dedicated network connections
- 4. Portfolio management**
 - Load shaping
 - Geographic issues (Sub-LAP)

CAISO Programs and AutoDR

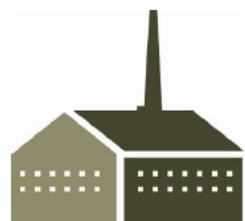
Examples of Needs for AutoDR



- Shift Load to Night
- Daily Peak Management
- Ramp Smoothing

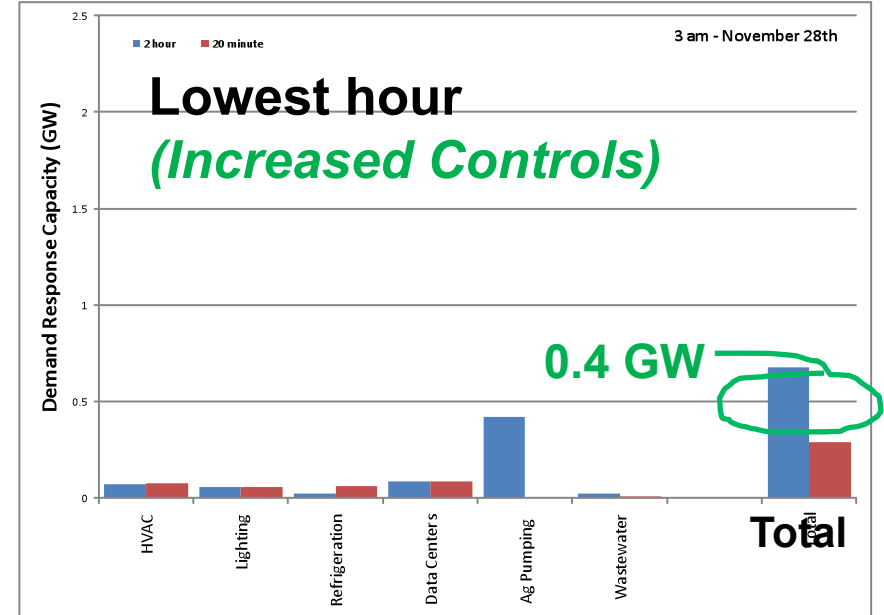
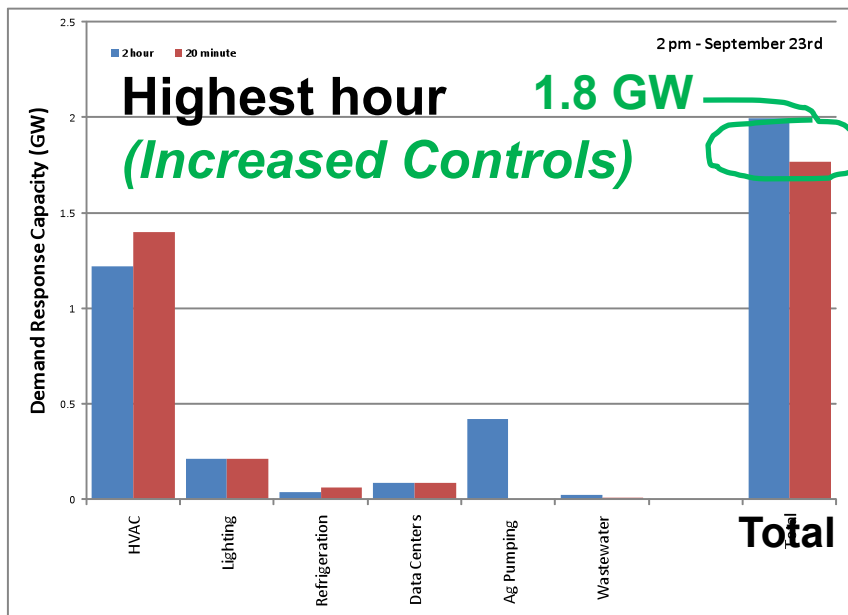
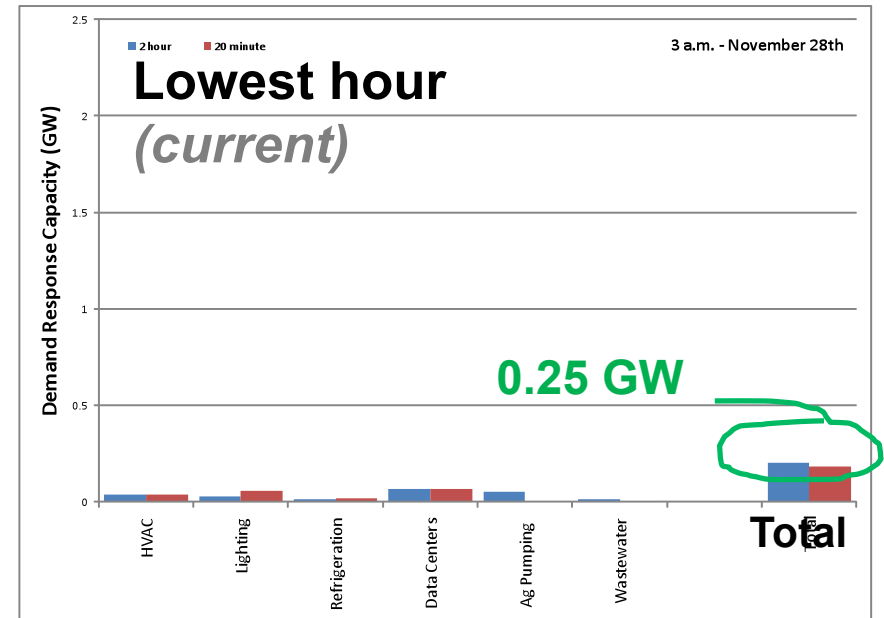
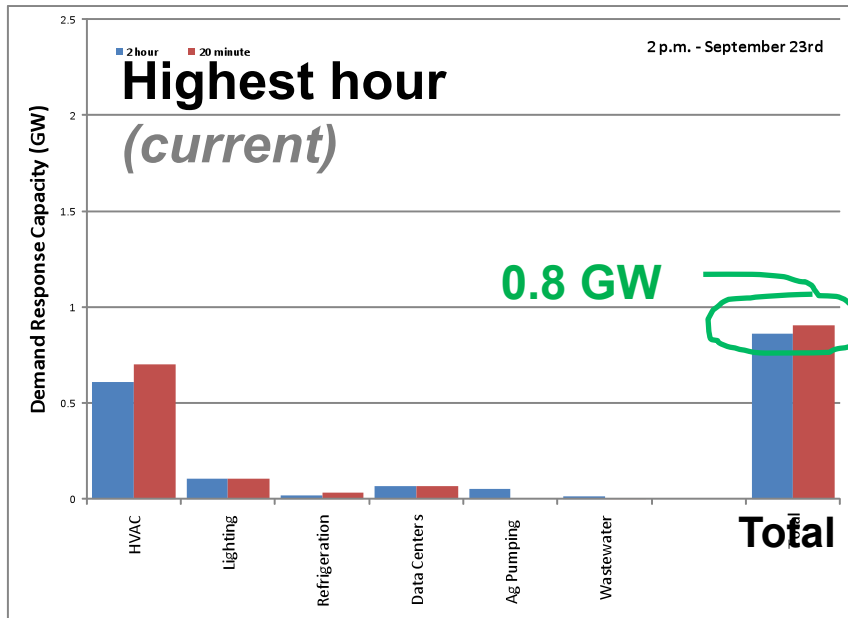
| AutoDR for Existing CAISO products | Service | Response Time | Duration |
|---|-------------|--|-------------|
|  | Reg Up | Start <1 min. Reach bid <10 min | 15 - 60 min |
|  | Reg Down | Start <1 min. Reach bid <10 min | 15 - 60 min |
|  | Non-Spin | < 10 min | 30 min |
| Future | Spin | ~ Instant Start Full Output <10 min | 30 min |

End Uses & Response



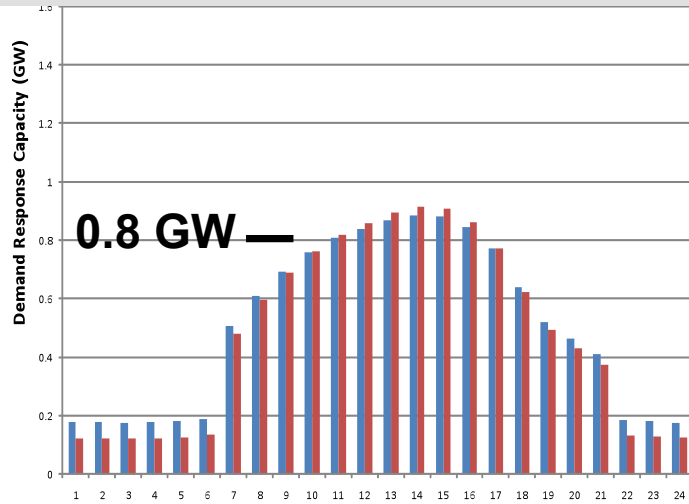
| End Use | Type | Modulate | On/Off | Max. Response Time |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| HVAC | Chiller Systems | Setpoint Adj. | | 15 min. |
| | Package Unit | Setpoint Adj. | Disable Compressors | 5 min. |
| Lighting | Dimmable | Reduce Level | | 5 min. |
| | On/Off | | Bi-Level Off | 5 min. |
| Refrig/Frozen Warehouse | | Setpoint Adj. | | 15 min. |
| Data Centers | | Setpoint Adj., Reduce CPU Processing | | 15 min. |
| Ag. Pumping | | | Turn Off selected pumps | 5 min. |
| Wastewater | | | Turn Off selected pumps | 5 min. |

Shed Estimates: Highest & Lowest hours of the Year

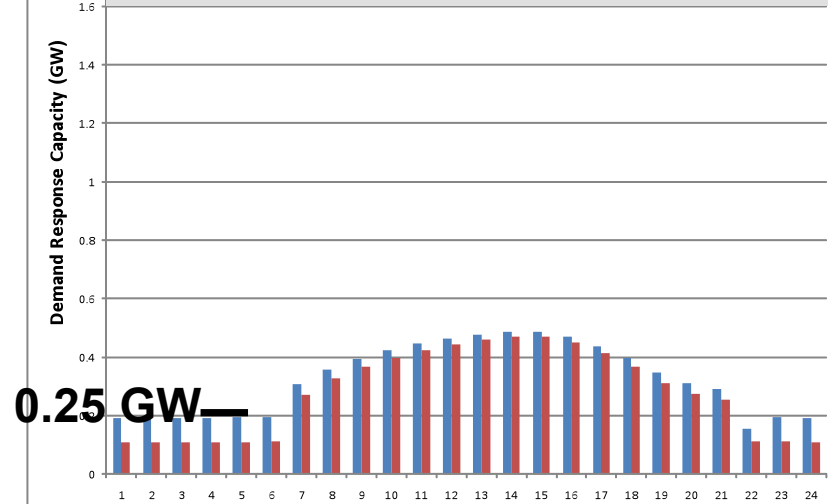


Shed Estimates: Summer & Winter 24 hr. Profiles

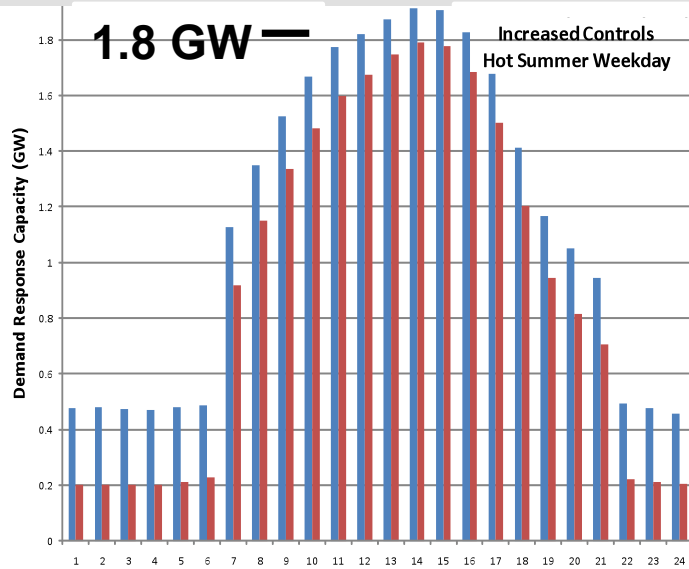
Summer (*Current Controls*)



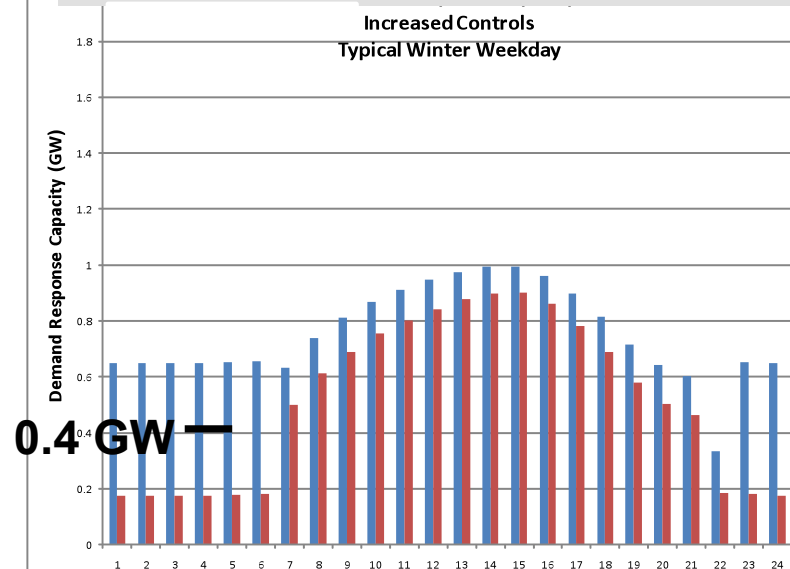
Winter (*Current Controls*)



Summer (*Increased Controls*)



Winter (*Increased Controls*)



Conclusions & Future Research



Conclusions

Preliminary estimate: AutoDR could provide 0.25 to 0.8 GW of AutoDR ancillary services in the existing stock throughout CA

Investments to improve controls that are currently “unreachable” to AutoDR could double the shed potential to 0.4 to 1.8 GW

Future research

- **Economic evaluation**
- **Additional off-peak data from field tests & surveys**
- **Geographic considerations**
- **More sheddable loads 24/7/365**

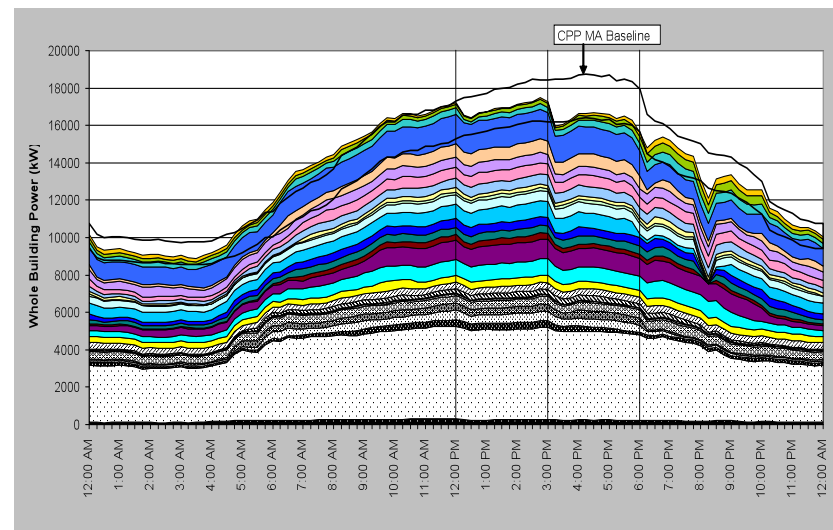
Backup slide -Background & Goals



Background

- California Renewable Portfolio Standards increasing to 33% by 2020
- Wind & Solar resources are variable and intermittent
- Grid requires over 4 GW of ancillary service to maintain grid stability
- Automated Demand Response pilots demonstrated ancillary services

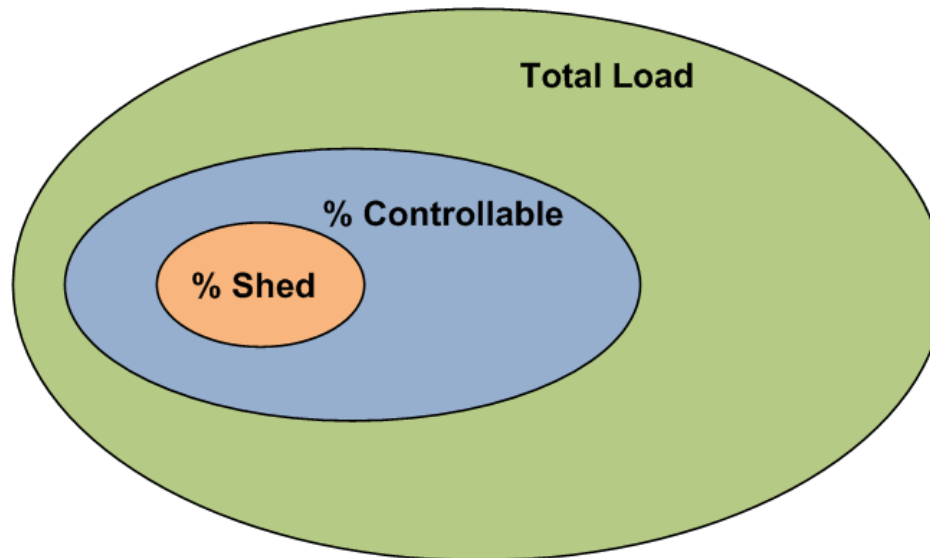
Goal of Scoping Study – Develop preliminary estimate and feasibility of capacity of AutoDR in California as a resource for renewables integration.



Backup slide - Methodology for Resource Analysis



1. Determine total electric load profiles for commercial and industrial sectors & key end-uses
2. Determine % of loads that could be controlled using current site infrastructure, and AutoDR technology
3. Determine % shed for each controllable load



$$\text{Estimated Shed} = (\text{Load}) \times (\% \text{Controllable}) \times (\% \text{Shed})$$

Backup slide - Methodology Assumptions

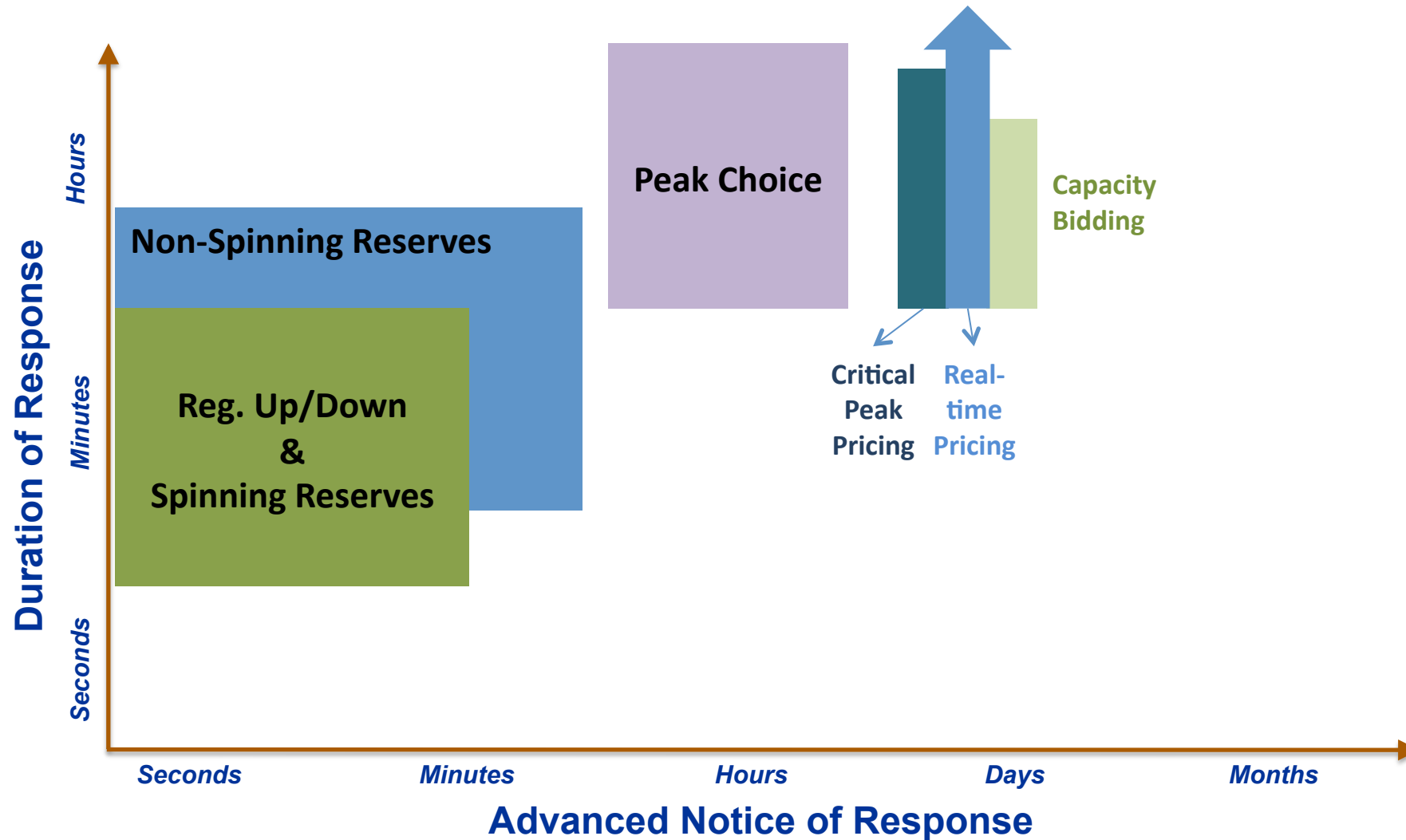


1. Statewide load data, field test results & engineering judgment used to estimate potential
2. Multipliers selected based on existing or planned CAISO products for renewables integration

| Duration | Ramp time |
|----------|-----------|
| 2 hour | 15 min. |
| 20 min. | 5 min. |

3. Commercial building type and end-uses evaluated
4. Industrial load shapes evaluated based on case studies and scoping studies

Backup slide - Demand Response Opportunities: Advance Notice and Duration of Response



Backup slide - AutoDR Terminology & Link to Batteries

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| Shed | Energy reduced during specified period (e.g., reduced lighting) - net energy reduction |
| Shift | Energy moved to different time period- minimal change in consumption |
| Charge | Energy use to store load (e.g., pre-cool or charge batteries) |
| Discharge | Energy storage supplies local loads (thermal or electrical) or provides power to grid |

